stature of *nay body* is small, myself not so well spoken, my voice low, my carnage lawyer-like and of the common fashion, my nature soft and bashful, my purse thin, light, and never plentiful Where I now see the only cause of this choice is a gracious and favourable censure of your good and undeserved opinions of me But I most humbly beseech you recall this your sudden election , and therefore, because the more sudden, the sooner to be recalled But if this cannot move your sudden choice yet let this one thing persuade you, that myself not being gracious in the eye of her Majesty, neither ever yet in account with great personages, shall deceive your expectation in those weighty matters and great affairs which should be committed unto me For if Demosthenes being so learned and eloquent as he was, one whom none surpassed, trembled to speat before Phocion at Athens, how much more shall I, being unlearned and unskilful, supply this place of dignity, charge, and trouble to speak before so many Phocions as here be * Yea, which is the greatest, before the unspeakable Majesty and Sacred Person of our dread and dear Sovereign, the terror of whose countenance will appal and abase even the stoutest heart, yea, whose very name will pull down the greatest courage ? For how mightily doth the estate and name of a Pnnce deject the haughtiest stomach even of their greatest subjects [?] I beseech you therefore again and agam to proceed unto a new election, here being many better able and more sufficient and far more worthy than myself, both for the honour of this assembly and general good of the public state [5]

After this speech, Sir John Fortescue, the Chancellor of the

Exchequer, stood up, affirming all the former commendations
of Sir William Knollys, and inferring further that he -well
perceived by Mr Yelverton's speech, tending to the disabling
of himself to this place, that he was thereby so much the more
meet and sufficient, and so for his part he also nominated
Mr Yelverton to be their Speaker, and moved the House for
their liking and resolution therein, who all with one accord and
consent yield unto this election

Whereupon Mr Controller and Mr Chancellor rose up and
placed Mr. Sergeant Yelverton in the Chair Which done,
Mr. Yelverton after some small pause stood up, and giving the